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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 and 43-45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 and 43-45 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 1-21, 26-33, 40-41 and 43-45, drawn to a pest controller with portable container.

Group II, claim(s) 22-23, 26-33, 40-41 and 43-45 drawn to a pest controller for holding a chemical substance.

Group III, claim(s) 24, 26-33, 40-41 and 43-45, drawn to a pest controller.

Group IV, claim(s) 25, 26-33, 40-41 and 43-45 drawn to a pest controller with solid chemical

Group V, claim(s) 34-35, 40-41 and 43-45, drawn to a pest controller attachable to the human body

Group VI, claim(s) 36, 40-41 and 43-45, drawn to a pest controller with airtight bag

Group VII, claim(s) 37-39, 40-41 and 43-45, drawn to a pest controller with air permeable bag

2. The inventions listed as Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: all of the groupings listed above in paragraph 1 of this office action are directed to an apparatus involved in controlling pests. However, each

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grouping involves different special technical features not shared by the other groups. Group I is directed to an apparatus for controlling pests and which has the special technical feature of the container comprises a substance exposing portion for exposing the chemical substance held therein to outside, and a cover for sealing the substance exposing portion, which is not shared by Group II. Group II has a different special technical feature of the container has an opening communicating with the inside of the container and a cover for sealing the opening from the outside, the chemical substance being adapted to be propelled out of the container through the opening, which is not shared by Group I.

The inventions listed as Groups I and III do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: all of the groupings listed above in paragraph 1 of this office action are directed to an apparatus involved in controlling pests. However, each grouping involves different special technical features not shared by the other groups. Group I is directed to an apparatus for controlling pests and which has the special technical feature of the container comprises a substance exposing portion for exposing the chemical substance held therein to outside, and a cover for sealing the substance exposing portion, which is not shared by Group III. Group III has a different special technical feature of a coat formed on the surface of the chemical substance so as to exfoliated by a predetermined amount, which is not shared by Group I.

The inventions listed as Groups I and IV do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: all of the groupings listed

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above in paragraph 1 of this office action are directed to an apparatus involved in controlling pests. However, each grouping involves different special technical features not shared by the other groups. Group I is directed to an apparatus for controlling pests and which has the special technical feature of the container comprises a substance exposing portion for exposing the chemical substance held therein to outside, and a cover for sealing the substance exposing portion, which is not shared by Group IV. Group IV has a different special technical feature of the container has a pusher for pressing the chemical substance, and a chuck being adapted to holding and releasing the chemical substance so that the chemical substance is pushed out by pressing the pusher and held by the chuck, thereby chemical substance is prevented from moving back, which is not shared by Group I.

The inventions listed as Groups I and V do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: all of the groupings listed above in paragraph 1 of this office action are directed to an apparatus involved in controlling pests. However, each grouping involves different special technical features not shared by the other groups. Group I is directed to an apparatus for controlling pests and which has the special technical feature of the container comprises a substance exposing portion for exposing the chemical substance held therein to outside, and a cover for sealing the substance exposing portion, which is not shared by Group V. Group V has a different special technical feature of a main body being portable and attachable to a human body and/or clothes, which is not shared by Group I.

The inventions listed as Groups I and VI do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: all of the groupings listed above in paragraph 1 of this office action are directed to an apparatus involved in controlling pests. However, each grouping involves different special technical features not shared by the other groups. Group I is directed to an apparatus for controlling pests and which has the special technical feature of the container comprises a substance exposing portion for exposing the chemical substance held therein to outside, and a cover for sealing the substance exposing portion, which is not shared by Group VI. Group VI has a different special technical feature of an airtight bag wherein the bag is adapted to release a sealing condition by releasing an airtightness, which is not shared by Group I.

The inventions listed as Groups I and VII do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: all of the groupings listed above in paragraph 1 of this office action are directed to an apparatus involved in controlling pests. However, each grouping involves different special technical features not shared by the other groups. Group I is directed to an apparatus for controlling pests and which has the special technical feature of the container comprises a substance exposing portion for exposing the chemical substance held therein to outside, and a cover for sealing the substance exposing portion, which is not shared by Group VII. Group VII has a different special technical feature of an air-permeable bag wherein the bag incorporates a chemical substance, the chemical substance

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containing an active ingredient with a pest-controlling effect against harmful pests for human body, which is not shared by Group I.

The inventions listed as Groups II and III do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: all of the groupings listed above in paragraph 1 of this office action are directed to an apparatus involved in controlling pests. However, each grouping involves different special technical features not shared by the other groups. Group II is directed to an apparatus for controlling pests and which has the special technical feature of the container has an opening communicating with the inside of the container, and a cover for sealing the opening from the outside, the chemical substance being adapted to be propelled out of the container through the opening, which is not shared by Group III. Group III has a different special technical feature of a coat formed on the surface of the chemical substance so as to exfoliated by a predetermined amount, which is not shared by Group II.

The inventions listed as Groups II and IV do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: all of the groupings listed above in paragraph 1 of this office action are directed to an apparatus involved in controlling pests. However, each grouping involves different special technical features not shared by the other groups. Group II is directed to an apparatus for controlling pests and which has the special technical feature of the container has an opening communicating with the inside of the container, and a cover for sealing the opening from the outside, the chemical substance being adapted to be propelled out of the container through the opening, which is not shared by Group IV. Group IV

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has a different special technical feature of the container has a pusher for pressing the chemical substance, and a chuck being adapted to holding and releasing the chemical substance so that the chemical substance is pushed out by pressing the pusher and held by the chuck, thereby chemical substance is prevented from moving back, which is not shared by Group II.

The inventions listed as Groups II and V do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: all of the groupings listed above in paragraph 1 of this office action are directed to an apparatus involved in controlling pests. However, each grouping involves different special technical features not shared by the other groups. Group II is directed to an apparatus for controlling pests and which has the special technical feature of the container has an opening communicating with the inside of the container, and a cover for sealing the opening from the outside, the chemical substance being adapted to be propelled out of the container through the opening, which is not shared by Group V. Group V has a different special technical feature of a main body being portable and attachable to a human body and/or clothes, which is not shared by Group II.

The inventions listed as Groups II and VI do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: all of the groupings listed above in paragraph 1 of this office action are directed to an apparatus involved in controlling pests. However, each grouping involves different special technical features not shared by the other groups. Group II is directed to an apparatus for controlling pests and which has the special technical feature of the container has an opening communicating with the inside of the container,

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and a cover for sealing the opening from the outside, the chemical substance being adapted to be propelled out of the container through the opening, which is not shared by Group VI. Group VI has a different special technical feature of an airtight bag wherein the bag is adapted to release a sealing condition by releasing an airtightness, which is not shared by Group II.

The inventions listed as Groups II and VII do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: all of the groupings listed above in paragraph 1 of this office action are directed to an apparatus involved in controlling pests. However, each grouping involves different special technical features not shared by the other groups. Group II is directed to an apparatus for controlling pests and which has the special technical feature of the container has an opening communicating with the inside of the container, and a cover for sealing the opening from the outside, the chemical substance being adapted to be propelled out of the container through the opening, which is not shared by Group VII. Group VII has a different special technical feature of an air-permeable bag wherein the bag incorporates a chemical substance, the chemical substance containing an active ingredient with a pest-controlling effect against harmful pests for human body, which is not shared by Group II.

The inventions listed as Groups III and IV do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: all of the groupings listed above in paragraph 1 of this office action are directed to an apparatus involved in controlling pests. However, each grouping involves different special technical features not shared by the other groups. Group III is directed to an apparatus for controlling pests and which has the special

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technical feature of a coat formed on the surface of the chemical substance so as to exfoliated by a predetermined amount, which is not shared by Group IV. Group IV has a different special technical feature of the container has a pusher for pressing the chemical substance, and a chuck being adapted to holding and releasing the chemical substance so that the chemical substance is pushed out by pressing the pusher and held by the chuck, thereby chemical substance is prevented from moving back, which is not shared by Group III.

The inventions listed as Groups III and V do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: all of the groupings listed above in paragraph 1 of this office action are directed to an apparatus involved in controlling pests. However, each grouping involves different special technical features not shared by the other groups. Group III is directed to an apparatus for controlling pests and which has the special technical feature of a coat formed on the surface of the chemical substance so as to exfoliated by a predetermined amount, which is not shared by Group V. Group V has a different special technical feature of a main body being portable and attachable to a human body and/or clothes, which is not shared by Group III.

The inventions listed as Groups III and VI do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: all of the groupings listed above in paragraph 1 of this office action are directed to an apparatus involved in controlling pests. However, each grouping involves different special technical features not shared by the other groups. Group III is directed to an apparatus for controlling pests and which has the special

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technical feature of a coat formed on the surface of the chemical substance so as to exfoliated by a predetermined amount, which is not shared by Group VI. Group VI has a different special technical feature of an airtight bag wherein the bag is adapted to release a sealing condition by releasing an airtightness, which is not shared by Group III.

The inventions listed as Groups III and VII do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: all of the groupings listed above in paragraph 1 of this office action are directed to an apparatus involved in controlling pests. However, each grouping involves different special technical features not shared by the other groups. Group III is directed to an apparatus for controlling pests and which has the special technical feature of a coat formed on the surface of the chemical substance so as to exfoliated by a predetermined amount, which is not shared by Group VII. Group VII has a different special technical feature of an air-permeable bag wherein the bag incorporates a chemical substance, the chemical substance containing an active ingredient with a pest-controlling effect against harmful pests for human body, which is not shared by Group III.

The inventions listed as Groups IV and V do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: all of the groupings listed above in paragraph 1 of this office action are directed to an apparatus involved in controlling pests. However, each grouping involves different special technical features not shared by the other groups. Group IV is directed to an apparatus for controlling pests and which has the special technical feature of the container has a pusher for pressing the chemical substance, and a chuck

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being adapted to holding and releasing the chemical substance so that the chemical substance is pushed out by pressing the pusher and held by the chuck, thereby chemical substance is prevented from moving back, which is not shared by Group V. Group V has a different special technical feature of a main body being portable and attachable to a human body and/or clothes, which is not shared by Group IV.

The inventions listed as Groups IV and VI do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: all of the groupings listed above in paragraph 1 of this office action are directed to an apparatus involved in controlling pests. However, each grouping involves different special technical features not shared by the other groups. Group IV is directed to an apparatus for controlling pests and which has the special technical feature of the container has a pusher for pressing the chemical substance, and a chuck being adapted to holding and releasing the chemical substance so that the chemical substance is pushed out by pressing the pusher and held by the chuck, thereby chemical substance is prevented from moving back, which is not shared by Group VI. Group VI has a different special technical feature of an airtight bag wherein the bag is adapted to release a sealing condition by releasing an airtightness, which is not shared by Group IV.

The inventions listed as Groups IV and VII do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: all of the groupings listed above in paragraph 1 of this office action are directed to an apparatus involved in controlling pests. However, each grouping involves different special technical features not shared by the

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other groups. Group IV is directed to an apparatus for controlling pests and which has the special technical feature of the container has a pusher for pressing the chemical substance, and a chuck being adapted to holding and releasing the chemical substance so that the chemical substance is pushed out by pressing the pusher and held by the chuck, thereby chemical substance is prevented from moving back, which is not shared by Group VII. Group VII has a different special technical feature of an air-permeable bag wherein the bag incorporates a chemical substance, the chemical substance containing an active ingredient with a pest-controlling effect against harmful pests for human body, which is not shared by Group IV.

The inventions listed as Groups V and VI do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: all of the groupings listed above in paragraph 1 of this office action are directed to an apparatus involved in controlling pests. However, each grouping involves different special technical features not shared by the other groups. Group V is directed to an apparatus for controlling pests and which has the special technical feature of a main body being portable and attachable to a human body and/or clothes, which is not shared by Group VI. Group VI has a different special technical feature of an airtight bag wherein the bag is adapted to release a sealing condition by releasing an airtightness, which is not shared by Group V.

The inventions listed as Groups V and VII do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: all of the groupings listed above in paragraph 1 of this office action are directed to an apparatus involved in controlling

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pests. However, each grouping involves different special technical features not shared by the other groups. Group V is directed to an apparatus for controlling pests and which has the special technical feature of a main body being portable and attachable to a human body and/or clothes, which is not shared by Group VII. Group VII has a different special technical feature of an air-permeable bag wherein the bag incorporates a chemical substance, the chemical substance containing an active ingredient with a pest-controlling effect against harmful pests for human body, which is not shared by Group V.

The inventions listed as Groups VI and VII do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: all of the groupings listed above in paragraph 1 of this office action are directed to an apparatus involved in controlling pests. However, each grouping involves different special technical features not shared by the other groups. Group VI is directed to an apparatus for controlling pests and which has the special technical feature of an airtight bag wherein the bag is adapted to release a sealing condition by releasing an airtightness, which is not shared by Group VII. Group VII has a different special technical feature of an air-permeable bag wherein the bag incorporates a chemical substance, the chemical substance containing an active ingredient with a pest-controlling effect against harmful pests for human body, which is not shared by Group VI.

3. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the

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application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David J. Parsley whose telephone number is (571) 272-6890.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8am to 4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Poon can be reached on (571) 272-6891. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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